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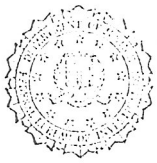

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By Courier Service

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 18, 1964, in which you requested a report of the results of the examination by the FBI of the President's automobile.

On the morning of November 23, 1963, a detailed search of the President's automobile was conducted at the White House Garage in Washington, D. C., by Laboratory personnel. This search was conducted for the purpose of locating any bullets or bullet fragments for examination. Three small metal fragments, Item C16, were found on the rear floor carpet of the automobile. Metallic residues, Item C17, were observed on the inside surface of the windshield at the cracked area and these residues were removed. It was subsequently determined by spectrographic analysis and was reported that the three metal fragments and metallic residues were similar in composition to the lead of the core of the bullet fragment, Item C2, which had previously been found on the front seat cushion by the Secret Service.

A dented area was located on the inside surface of the windshield chrome molding, at the top near the center, which was possibly produced by a bullet or bullet fragment.

Your request for a verbal description of the assassination scene and a contour map of the immediate area is being handled by separate letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover